

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Seven Stars Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

Dysart's Tavern

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Junction of Appleton Road and Route 273

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William T. Mahoney

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

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STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
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Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 238

Folio #: 568

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

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**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CE-735

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The interior also has been altered, but an early stairway with turned walnut balusters is still supposed to exist. The flooring was the common random width pine and fragments could possibly still be found.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

CE-735

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

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DATE

January 1977

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CITY OR TOWN

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Serlu Stair

CE 735

- 1) Originally Longwell's or Serlu Stair
- 2) Katy Dysart

Location: NW corner 273 & 316

description: Altered today - stuccoed, then stone cleaned, 2nd story clapboard  
K. Heron - originally 2 stories high gambrel roof.  
11 bays by 2.

Native stone

Interior: stairway from middle room

12 fireplaces

large cooking fireplace with hearth

See "Little Brown History of Newark & its Environs."  
Francis Cook - in Cent. Co. Library



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